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| SYSTEM FOR SPINAL IMPLANTS |) | |

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the final action in this case dated August 13, 2007, please consider the following. A request for a two-month extension of time, making the present response timely, is also included. No other fees or extensions are believed to be due for consideration of this paper, but if any fees are deemed due, or if any extensions of time are deemed to be necessary, please provide such extensions and charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include issue fees.